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THE GREATEST SUPERHERO OF ALL!
**CAPTAIN
BRITAIN**

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**BEGINNING:
THE
ACTION-PACKED
SILVER
JUBILEE
EPIC YOU'LL
NEVER
FORGET!**



1977
MARVEL
**HE'S POWERFUL! RUTHLESS!
DEADLY! HE'S THE
HIGHWAYMAN!**

Stan Lee PRESENTS: CAPTAIN BRITAIN!

TRAPPED IN A MYSTERIOUS REALM BEYOND TIME AND SPACE, A DESPERATE CAPTAIN BRITAIN CRIES...

AND THE WEARY WIZARD MERLIN REPLIES... FORGIVE ME, MY SON-- BUT I LACK THE STRENGTH TO DO SO!



SEND ME HOME!!



ONLY THOU CANST SAVE THESE NOW!

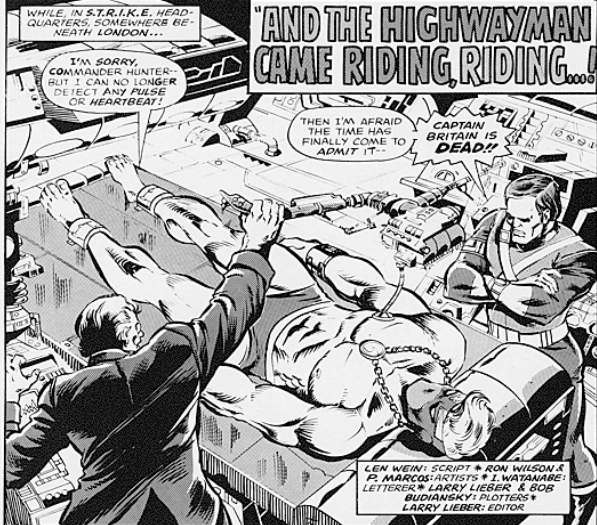
WHILE, IN S.T.R.I.K.E. HEAD-QUARTERS, SOMEWHERE BENEATH LONDON...

I'M SORRY, COMMANDER HUNTER-- BUT I CAN NO LONGER DETECT ANY PULSE OR HEARTBEAT!

"AND THE HIGHWAYMAN CAME RIDING, RIDING....!"

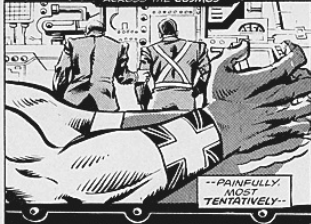
THEN I'M AFRAID THE TIME HAS FINALLY COME TO ADMIT IT--

CAPTAIN BRITAIN IS DEAD!!



LEN WEIN: SCRIPT * RON WILSON & P. MARCOS: ARTISTS * I. WATANABE: LETTERER * LARRY LIEBER & BOB BUDIANSKY: PLOTTERS * LARRY LIEBER: EDITOR

AND EVEN AS CMWR. LANCE HUNTER AND HIS FRUSTRATED ASSOCIATE TURN SORROWFULLY AWAY, THE INDOMINABLE SPIRIT OF CAPTAIN BRITAIN REACHES OUT ACROSS THE COSMOS--



--PAINFULLY,
MOST
TENTATIVELY--

--AND WITH ONE LAST MASSIVE EFFORT
OF WILL--



THE ENERGY THAT FILLS THE
BATTLING BRITON'S MYSTIC
AMULET ABRUPTLY FILLS
HIS SOUL...

...AND, WITH THIS NEW-FOUND STRENGTH, HE
BEGINS THE LONELY JOURNEY...



...HOME!

BEHOLD, MY
FATHER! BEFORE
OUR EYES,
CAPTAIN BRITAIN
...DISAPPEARS!

AYE, DAUGHTER!
HE HATH FOUND THE
HIDDEN STRENGTH WITH-
IN TO TRANSPORT HIM-
SELF WITHOUT MINE AID...

--EVEN AS I KNEW
HE MUST!

"THE YOUNG CAPTAIN BRITAIN HATH PASSED
THE FINAL TEST, MY CHILD!



TODAY WE HAVE
WITNESSED THE
BIRTH OF A
HERO...

...AND
THE FINAL
FULFILLMENT
OF A DREAM!

AND AT THAT MOMENT, IN
S.T.R.I.K.E. HEADQUARTERS...



I'M CONSCIOUS
AGAIN--AND MY
WOUNDS ARE
ALL HEALED!

I'VE GOT TO
RECOVER MY
COSTUME AND
MY STAFF...

"...AND GET MYSELF AWAY FROM
HERE, WHILE I STILL CAN!"



I SUPPOSE
WE MAY AS
WELL...HUH?

BRITAIN--
HE'S
GONE!?!?



BUT NOW? HE
COULDN'T HAVE
GOTTEN PAST US!
WE WERE STAND-
ING RIGHT OUTSIDE
THE DOOR!

AS I TOLD YOU,
CMWR. HUNTER--
THAT MAN JUST
ISN'T NORMAL!

BUT WHILE CAPTAIN BRITAIN STEALS SILENTLY AWAY, WE'D BEST TURN OUR ATTENTION ELSEWHERE-- AND JOIN THE CELEBRATION OF HER MAJESTY'S SILVER JUBILEE!

UNFORTUNATELY THOUGH, WE'VE ONLY TIME FOR A BRIEF GLIMPSE OF THE ROYAL FAMILY...



...FOR THERE IS A FIGURE
STANDING AT THE VERY
FRINGE OF THE CROWD,
WHOSE PRESENCE IS FAR
MORE IMPORTANT TO
OUR STORY!



LOOK AT THOSE
SYCOPHANTIC
FOOLS--MINDLESSLY
CHEERING HER
MAJESTY'S
PRAISES--

--HAPPILY MILLING
ABOUT THE BUSY
STREETS LIKE SHEEP!



BUT THEN, SHEEP
IS ALL THEY
TRULY ARE--

--AND THE ULTI-
MATE SUCCESS
OF MY MASTER
PLAN DEPENDS
ON THAT!



SOON THE MOMENT
WILL COME AT LAST
TO STRIKE--

--AND THEN, NOT EVEN GOD CAN SAVE
OUR GRACIOUS QUEEN--FROM THE
POWER OF THE
MANIPULATOR!!

IT IS A PENSIVE BRIAN BRADDOCK WHO STROLLS TOWARDS THE CAMPUS OF THAMES UNIVERSITY A SHORT WHILE LATER...

...HIS WHIRLING MIND SEEKING ANSWERS--BUT FINDING ONLY OTHER QUESTIONS!

WHAT HAPPENED TO CAPTAIN BRITAIN TODAY WAS REAL! I STILL HAVE THE STAR SCEPTRE TO PROVE AT LEAST THAT MUCH!

YET, HOW CAN A MIND SEPARATE FROM ITS BODY--AND JOURNEY TO ANOTHER DIMENSION?



WHAT'S THE BOTHER, BRADDOCK? TOO BUSY TO CHAT WITH US LITTLE CHAPS?

WHO--?!



EVENIN', TWERP! OUT AIRING YOUR PRECIOUS BRAIN AGAIN?

JACKO TANNER! THE RESIDENT THORN IN BRIAN BRADDOCK'S SIDE!

MIGHT AS WELL TRY TO BE SOCIABLE!

HELLO, JACKO. WHERE ARE YOU GOING?



I'M OFF TO COURTNEY IN THE HOSPITAL--WHERE SHE'S RECOVERING FROM HER ACCIDENT!

IF YOU REALLY CARED ABOUT THAT BIRD, AS YOU CLAIM--YOU WOULDN'T HAVE TO ASK!

YOU'D ALREADY BE THERE!

I KNOW, JACKO, BUT I... I'VE BEEN BUSY.

NOBODY COULD BE THAT BUSY, BRADDOCK!



BUT WHY AM I WASTING BREATH ON A CREEP LIKE YOU?

JACKO, I... I'D LIKE TO COME ALONG WITH YOU.

WHAT? DON'T MAKE ME LAUGH! I'D SOONER...

PLEASE.

AH, COME ON THEN--BEFORE I CHANGE MY MIND!



*AS WITNESSED BACK IN ISSUE #30...LARRY.

MEANWHILE, ON A LONELY COUNTY ROAD...

I TELL YA, MATE--I'LL BE MORE'N GLAD WHEN THIS TRIP'S DONE!

I'VE BEEN SITTIN' IN THIS FLUPPIN' CAB SO LONG, I'VE BEGUN T' TAKE ROOT!



I MEAN IT, DES-- IT JUST AIN'T WORTH ALL THE BOTHER FOR A FEW QUID A WEEK!

Y'KNOW, ALF--YOU'VE BEEN *COMPLAININ'* LIKE THAT SINCE YOU FIRST TOOK THIS JOB...



...ALMOST TWENTY YEARS AGO!

EITHER YOU HAVE TO COME UP WITH A NEW LINE OF CHATTER, OR I'LL HAVE TO...

ALF--LOOK OUT!!



THERE'S SOMETHING IN THE ROAD UP AHEAD!!

IT'S COMIN' RIGHT AT US--

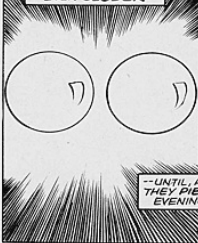


LIKE THE EYES OF SOME GREAT BALEFUL BEAST, THE TWIN HEADLIGHTS COME CLOSER--

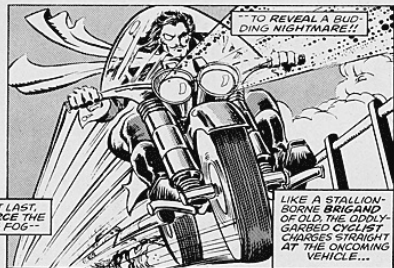


--AN' THERE AIN'T NO WAY I CAN STOP THIS LORRY IN TIME!!

--EVER CLOSER--



--UNTIL, AT LAST, THEY PIERCE THE EVENING FOG--



"TO REVEAL A BUD-DING NIGHTMARE!!

LIKE A STALLION-BORNE BRIGAND OF OLD, THE ODDLY-GARBED CYCLIST CHARGES STRAIGHT AT THE ONCOMING VEHICLE...

...UNTIL, AT THE LAST POSSIBLE INSTANT, HE TOUCHES A SPECIAL STUD SET INTO HIS MOTORCYCLE'S HANDLEBAR--

--AND TWIN BEAMS OF LASER-BORN FURY ERUPT FROM THE CYCLE'S HEADLIGHTS--

SKRAK-KOWW!!

--CLEAVING THE MASSIVE TRAILER TRUCK IN TWAIN!!

VIOLENTLY, THE TWO HALVES OF THE RUINED VEHICLE SWERVE TO OPPOSITE SIDES OF THE ROAD--

--AND THE LAUGHING CYCLIST HURTLES UNHARMED THROUGH THE GAP!

HA HA HA HA HA

BUT MOMENTS LATER, BY THE SHEEREST OF COINCIDENCES, ANOTHER VEHICLE COMES RACING ALONG THE ROAD--

--CARRYING TWO MOST FAMILIAR PASSENGERS!

SWEET LORD! WHAT HAPPENED HERE?

SOMETHING TORE THAT LORRY TO PIECES!

AND I HAVE THE UNCOMFORTABLE FEELING THAT THE GENT RESPONSIBLE IS DIRECTLY AHEAD OF US!

NOT A COPPER IN SIGHT! SO IT'S UP TO US TO CATCH THAT CREEP! HANG ON TO YOUR GUT, BRADDOCK!

ER--JACKO. DON'T YOU THINK WE'D BE BETTER OFF CONTACTING THE POLICE?

I'M PUSHING THE ACCELERATOR TO THE FLOOR!!

AW, STOP WHINING--AND ACT LIKE A MAN!

WHAT I'D ACT LIKE RIGHT NOW IS CAPTAIN BRITAIN-- IF THERE WERE ONLY SOME WAY I COULD GET AWAY FROM JACKO TO CHANGE!

BUT UNTIL THEN, THERE'S NOTHING I CAN DO!

BLIMEY! THERE'S A PAIR 'A BLOKES LATCHED ONTO ME TAIL!

YOU'D BETTER PULL OVER TO THE SIDE OF THE ROAD, MATE!

YOU'VE GOT SOME QUESTIONS TO ANSWER ABOUT A WRECK YOU LEFT BEHIND YOU!

WHO--ME, GUV'NOR?

NOT BLINKIN' LIKELY, MATE!

NOT SO LONG AS THE STUDS ON ME LEATHER JACKET CAN STILL DO--

THIS!

WYHOOM!

HIS FRONT TYRE BLOWN, JACKO TANNER STRUGGLES DESPERATELY TO KEEP HIS AUTO ON THE ROAD...

...AND FAILS!!

LOOK OUT, JACKO! WE'RE GOING TO...

KA-RASHH!

AN' LET THAT BE A LESSON TO YA, MATE! 'AINT NOTHIN' ON THE ROAD WHAT'S ANY SORT'A MATCH FOR...

...THE HIGHWAYMAN!

HA HA HA HA HA

NEXT ISSUE:

WHEN HERO TURNS VILLAIN! BE HERE!

Tell it to The CAPTAIN!



JUBILATION

Dear Stan & All the Gang,

What have you done! By this I mean the creation of (as you so modestly put it) "The Newest and Greatest Superhero of all, Captain Britain!" You have merely sent my home village of Giltbrook fanatic! I honestly never thought that a comic character could inspire such enthusiasm but he did. To date we have formed a Cap. Brit. club, of which meetings are held in the local public house. Blatant cries of "AAARGGH!!!" and "KA-POW!!" resound to the clinking of glasses, not to mention cries of "So you win again, Britain!"

You have inspired us so much that in honour of C.B.'s hero, at our forthcoming Jubilee celebrations there'll be a grand Captain Britain contest! Contestants will be judged on costume, and their ability to answer some questions about the man himself.

There's not much more to say, except that I hope you go from super-strength to super-strength, and keep up the very good work.

From all at the New White Bull, and myself, Colin Smithurst...

FACE FRONT!

Wow! Sounds like there'll be some fun and games C.B. style, in the village of Giltbrook this month. Captain Britain competitions must be just the ticket for Jubilee celebrations—why don't other Marvelites take a tip from the Gang at the New White Bull? Your battling Bullpen gallantly offers to award No-Prizes to Marvelites who send in details of any such contests held in Jubilee year. Go to it, Britons!

AN INSPECTOR CALLS

To the Powers that be:

Dear Powers,

You can't fool me, you know! I appear to be the only Captain Britain fan to notice....

Captain Britain's main enemy is a certain Chief Inspector Dai Thomas of London, right? Sudden flash of inspiration—I've seen that name before! (Digs out copy of Blade, the Vampire Slayer, issue 3). Ah, ha! The man who hunts Blade for murder is Chief Inspector Dai Thomas of London! In last week's C.B. Dai Thomas says "Superheroes killed my wife". Now I don't have the comic in which Mrs. Thomas is brought to an untimely end, but I conclude that these two Inspector Thomases are one and the same guy.

I rest my case, Powers, and submit a small enquiry as to the bounds of Fearless Front Facing.

Thankyou,

Paul Upton,
92a, Seabank Road,
Wallasey, Merseyside.

But, Paul, you have merely given an example of the complete continuity that exists between the various spheres of the Marvel Universe. We deliberately reintroduced Inspector Dai Thomas when we needed a Police Inspector in London. He had the right character, the right motives, in short, he was right for the part! But full marks for observation. You're not exactly the first to point this out, just one of a select company of Marvel sleuths!

RETURN OF A GOD

Dear Stan,

I think C.B. is great in this new British comic. I preferred him in colour, but since there have been more pages and an extra story, I think he is much better. I also like the new glossy cover. I have got every single issue that has come out, and think that the art and stories are good.

The F.F. are great and Spider-Man Team-up, but I don't like Nick Fury much. I would like to see Hercules in C.B. because I like him in both the Avengers and the Champions. Once in Titans 55 Hercules appeared, but I haven't seen him since then.

Christakis Christadoulou,
75, Leicester Road,
East Finchley,
London N2 9DY

You wanna see Hercules, eh? Well there's a very strong possibility that the Champions will make their debut in one of our wild little Weeklies before the year is out, so keep your fingers crossed that this possibility blossoms into fact. 'Cos then Hercules will stride once more before Marveldom Assembled!

CAPTAIN BRITAIN MAILBAG
MARVEL COMICS, TUBS HILL HOUSE,
SEVENOAKS, KENT



BRITAIN AND BRUM.

Dear Stan and the Gang,

I have written to you before congratulating you on Captain Britain, but I feel I must write again. Since you put John Buscema on the C.B. story, the standard of art has risen a lot. Please tell John Buscema he is my favourite artist.

Referring to Paul Ansell's letter in Captain Britain 29, I quite agree with what he says. I know you like to hear what we Marvelites have to say about Cap, but frankly, Heroes, all you seem to get are complaints. I think C.B. is a great mag, in fact it's my favourite.

Now about the Spidey Team-Up. Because the weekly is called Captain Britain, please let ol' C.B. co-star with Spidey!

Andrew Moss,
KOF,FFF,QNS,RFO,
23, Glen Rise,
Kings Heath,
Birmingham 13.

'Tis no sooner said than it is done! The sensational Spidey/Captain Britain Team-Up starts in a few short weeks time. Be here, Andrew, and you won't be disappointed! Incidentally, what a lot of letters we seem to get from Birmingham. Reckon good ol' Brum must be a stronghold of Marveldom. Did any midland Marvelites hear Nebulous Neil Tennant, our British Weekly Editor, on the Dave Jameson Show on Birmingham's BRMB Radio a few weeks ago? Tell us if ya did!

THE FUTURE OF C.B.

Dear Stan,

I enjoy reading C.B. (who else?) and I am trying to get every issue, but I have one doubt. Is the C.B. mag going to break up like the Avengers, Superheroes, Planet of the Apes, and Titans mags did? Me and many others want Captain Britain to be a success like Marvel and Spider-Man.

Andrew Palmer,
Great Glen,
Leicester.

Andrew, there's only two reasons why Marvel Weeklies stop being published. They either run out of story material, or they don't sell enough copies! Captain Britain ain't gonna run out of material, so that reason will never apply to C.B. Whether or not the other reason will ever lead to the demise of C.B. is entirely up to our readers. Point taken?

THE FANTASTIC FOUR!™

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WHERE THE SUN DARES NOT SHINE!

A LEVIATHAN IS ASTIR!

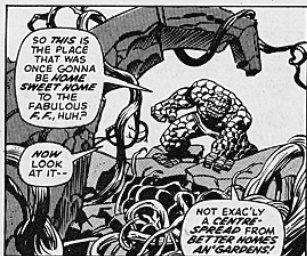
SOMEWHERE IN UPSTATE NEW YORK, THE EERIE STILLNESS OF A CERTAIN LONELY WOODED AREA IS RUDELY SHATTERED BY THE SUDDEN THUNDER OF AN ELEPHANTINE TREAD--BY THE HEART-STOPPING CRASH OF TOPPLING TREES--AND FINALLY, BY--

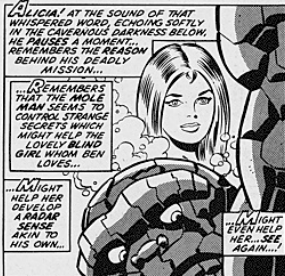
WATCH
OUT,
MOLE
MAN!

THE
THING
IS
COMIN'
FOR YA!

THEN, JUST AS ABRUPTLY, ALL SOUND CEASES... AS THE MAN NAMED BEN GRIMM HALTS BEFORE BOMBED-OUT RUINS WHICH ONCE WERE A MOST UNIQUE HOUSE...

AND KNOWS THAT HE STANDS, PERHAPS, ON THE THRESHOLD OF HIS OWN PARTICULAR DESTINY...





WHILE, IN A CERTAIN CENTRALLY-LOCATED MANHATTAN PARK WHICH SHALL REMAIN NAMELESS...



...MAINLY BECAUSE EVERYONE IN AMERICA ALREADY KNOWS ITS NAME...

A BLOND-HAIRED YOUTH SITS ALONE, UNACUSTOMERLY SILENT AND THE HARMLESS FRIVOLITY OF A LATE-JULY DAY, AND DREAMS OF...

...CRYSTAL...

YOU'RE ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THE WORLD-- IN THE PLACE YOU CALL THE GREAT REFUGE.



SO HOW COME I HEAR YOUR NAME IN EVERY BREEZE... SEE YOUR FACE IN EVEN A CLOUDLESS SKY?

THIS IS MY WORLD... AND YOU CAN'T LIVE IN IT, CAN YOU?

BUT I COULD LIVE IN YOURS, COULDN'T I?

AND I WOULD-- IN A MINUTE-- IF IT WEREN'T FOR SUE, AND REED, AND BEN.

THEY NEED ME, AND I CAN'T DESERT THEM. I'M NOT A KID ANY MORE-- I'M A MAN...



AND BEING A MAN... HURTS.

SOMBRE THOUGHTS... BUT ONES UNGUessed-AT BY THOSE WHO STRIKE A LIGHTER CHORD THIS DAY...

WHAT'D I TELL YOU? THE HUMAN TORCH-- AA I RIGHT?



WOW! I'VE ALWAYS GONE FOR OLDER MEN.

HIM I GOTTA MEET.

MAYBE IF I STARTED DATING OTHER GIRLS AGAIN, I COULD-- NO! I'D JUST BE FOOLING MYSELF. NO USE IN--

HUH??



HEY TORCH-- IF YOU ARE THE TORCH-- YOU GOT A MINUTE?

WE WANNA TALK TO YOU--!

SORRY, PEOPLE! I JUST REMEMBERED I GOTTA GO SAVE THE UNIVERSE...

...OR SOMETHIN'!

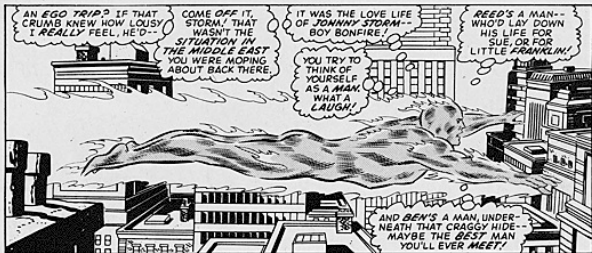


THAT'S ALL I NEED RIGHT NOW-- A FREAKIN' FAN CLUB!

WELL, SO MUCH FOR THINKIN' HE'D HELP US DRAW A CROWD FOR ANTI-POLLUTION RALLY!

HE'D RATHER BURN UP THE AIR-- THAN SAVE IT.

HE'S ON AN EGO TRIP-- JUST LIKE THE PAPERS ALWAYS SAID!









A RIOTOUS ROUND-UP OF RIDICULOUS RUMOURS AND RESOUNDING REPORTS

ITEM! Your friendly Neighbourhood Spider-Man is still going strong as ever, as ish No. 228 of his mag hits the stands. This ish is a bit of a change of pace as we dish up four extra-long features instead of our usual six, in preparation for a "Big Change" that's taking place in **SUPER SPIDER-MAN AND THE TITANS** next week. What's that, you ask? We're not telling -- at least not 'til next week, that is! In case you're wondering, the four frankly fabulous features that make up **SSMATT** No. 228 are **SPIDEY** (Was there any doubt?), **CAPTAIN AMERICA**, **IRON MAN**, and a special **TALES OF ASGARD** story starring **THOR** as he was in his youth. And to round out the book we have perhaps the scintillatingest centrespread of all -- **SPIDER-MAN** by Ring-A-Ding Romita himself! All in all, a mag not to be missed.

ITEM! The big news this week, O Faithful Ones, is the return of everybody's favourite fear-feature, **DRACULA!** You've been clamouring for more of the Lord of the Vampires, and we're aiming to please! In **Mighty World of Marvel** No. 247, the Prince of Darkness returns in all his gruesome glory! The title is "Crossfire", and it begins a multi-part epic by Wolfman/Colen/Palmer that culminates with the wedding of **DRACULA!** (And wait'll you see his blushin' bride!) That issue's other starring strip, **THE HULK** features ol' Greenskin's final battle with that one-eyed baddie, **Psyklop**. This one has a nifty little surprise ending that we think you'll go for. (But, ya gotta promise not to reveal it to your fellow Marvelites -- let them get their own copy!) **Mighty Marvel's** Man Without Fear really has his hands full this time around, as that Awful Arachnid, **The Scorpion**, returns to plague **DAREDEVIL** and his new partner-in-crime-fighting, the beauteous **Black Widow!** And, last but not least, **CAPTAIN MARVEL** continues his cosmic cavortin' with his usual aplomb and appeal. (P.S. Just 'cause we care, for those of you who came in late on the **DRACULA** mythos, we've got a one and a half page summary telling you everything you need to know!)

ITEM! This week's **CAPTAIN BRITAIN** (No. 37) is really something special, Marvelite! Why, you query? Because it was scripted by the one-and-only **Lively Len Wein!** It's called "And the Highwayman Came Riding, Riding!" and is quite possibly the best **CB** story yet. It's the beginning of an absolutely amazing five-part saga that's centred around **The Queen's Silver Jubilee**. Sad to say, tho', this is only a one-shot assignment for the **Lively One**, as he found his already-bulging American workload too much to continue working on the **Lion of London**.

ITEM! And, for all you war-fans out there we have **FURY** No. 15. Aside from **CAPTAIN SAVAGE** and a couple of short battle-classics, we have an extra-special **SGT. FURY** tome. You'll know why when you hear the title: "MISSION: CAPTURE **ADOLF HITLER!**" Need we say -- Don't Miss It!

ITEM! See ya in seven!



AFTER EASILY
DEFEATING NICK
FURY, SCORPIO
HAS TAKEN OVER
HIS IDENTITY AND
IS POSING AS THE
DIRECTOR OF
SHIELD. NOW, HE
JOINS WITH OVER
SHIELD AGENTS
TO WITNESS A
TEST--AND ONLY
SCORPIO KNOWS
THINGS WON'T
GO AS PLANNED.
ALL EYES
FOCUS ON THE
BLACK-CLAD
FIGURE EMER-
GING FROM THE
CLEAR CYLINDRI-
CAL SHAFT
ACROSS THE
CHAMBER
FLOOR...
A FIGURE
BEARING
THE NUMBER
THIRTEEN... A
FIGURE THOUGHT
TO BE SHIELD'S
PERFECTED LIFE
MODEL DECOY...
YET, INSTEAD, THROUGH
A BIZARRE SET OF
CIRCUMSTANCES,
COLONEL NICK FURY
FINDS THAT HE HAS
REPLACED THE TEST
LMD AND NOW FACES
THE ROOM OF A
THOUSAND AND ONE
TRAPS WHERE UN-
KNOWN DEATH
LIES IN WAIT BEYOND
EVERY FOOTFALL...



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SUPREME HEADQUARTERS INTERNATIONAL ESPIONAGE LAW-ENFORCEMENT DIVISION!



THAK THAK THACK TH

WHAT THE...?
A VOLLEY OF
SHAFTS MEANT
TA MAKE A PIN-
CUSHION OUTTA
ME!

THAT WAS
TOO CLOSE...
GOTTA LET SHIELD
KNOW IT'S ME...
BEFORE I'M
WASTED!

MY HEAD... REELIN'...
LAST THING I REMEMBER
IS THE CRASH... SCORPIO
...NOW, I WIND UP HERE
AT...

NAW... IT...
IT CAN'T BE...
BUT IT IS
ME IN THE
OBSERVATION
BOOTH!

HUH...? MY VOICE
GONE... CAN'T
TALK! MUST BE
DRUGGED...
HAVETA THINK OF
SOMETHIN'...
FAST!

NEED A
WEAPON...
NOTHIN' HERE
BUT... YEAH
... WHY NOT?

THIS'LL HAVE
TO DO FOR
THE TIME
BEING!

YEAH... SCORPIO,
TAKE MY PLACE
WATCHIN'... WAITIN'...
FOR ME TA DIE...
MY OWN MEN CARRYIN'
OUT THE DEATH
SENTENCE!

I GOTTA GET
UP THERE... ONE
WAY OR ANOTHER,
EVEN IF IT KILLS
ME!



THE DRUG... IT'S SLOWING
HIM DOWN, KEEPING HIM
FROM TALKIN'! THE NEXT
FEW MOMENTS WILL BE
CRITICAL!

BEEN TALKING
'BOUT THIS
TEST FOR WEEKS!
HOPE IT WORKS!

IF ONLY I COULD
HAVE SPOKEN TO NICK!
SOMETHING'S
WRONG! SHOULD I
TELL HIM?

DUGAN, THE
FLOOR TRAP,
QUICK!

RIGHT!

NICK! I...
I... NEVER
MIND!



BLASTED FLOOR
SLIDIN' BACK...
A PIT OF
SPEARS...

THEY'LL HAVETA
DO BETTER'N
THAT TO STOP ME!

TOO FAR TA JUMP,
BUT WITH THE HELPA
THIS ROD...

I'LL
MAKE
IT!

CAREFUL...
BABY,
CAREFUL!

UGGGHHH!
WHAT THE
SAM HILL...



YEAH! GOT PAST
THAT OKAY. KEEP
GOIN' FURY, YA
GOTTA GET UP
THERE...YA
GOTTA WIN...
YA...

YEEOWW!

NOT YET, VAL! IT'S
GETTING UP...TO
TAKE MORE PUNISH-
MENT BEFORE IT
FINALLY QUILTS!

LOOK, IT JUMPED
ON THE **ELECTRI-
FIED FLOOR GRID!**
ITS SYSTEM MUST
BE STUNNED!

IT IS...THE LMD'S
FALLING OVER...THE
CHARGE **RUINED**
IT! THE TEST IS
OVER!

...AND THAT WON'T
BE LONG NOW, I'LL
HAVE **WON THE
GAME!**

UGH...
THAT JOLT
NEARLY TOOK
ME OUT! CAN'T
LET IT STOP
ME!

CAN'T LET
NOTHIN' STOP
ME! NOT EVEN THIS
MAZE! MEBBE
IF I USE THE SHAFT,
IT'LL SHOW ME
WHAT'S SAFE AN'
WHAT AIN'T!

NO MATTER...
I GOTTA GET TO
HIM... I GOTTA!

HEY, IT MOVES
JUST LIKE YOU,
NICK! BUT WHY
NOT? IT'S BEEN
PROGRAMMED
WITH YOUR OWN
REACTIONS...YOUR
OWN **BRAIN AND
REFLEX TAPES!**

HOW MANY **MORE**
TRAPS HAVE I GOT
AHEAD'A ME?

CAN'T
TAKE THE
TIME TO
TACKLE
'EM ALL!

NEED ANOTHER WEAPON
...A **BIGGER** ONE TO
DO THE JOB!

AN' THIS LITTLE
LASER DEVICE
SHOULD BE
JUST THE
THING!

AN' IF I GET
IT OFFA THE WALL,
LOOK OUT, SCORPIO!
ALL HELL'S GONNA
BUST LOOSE!



WHAT...WHAT'S IT DOIN' NOW? **FEELING** THAT GADGET OFF THE WALL?

WHAT THE...IT'S AIMING IT AT US... BUT THAT'S **IMPOSSIBLE**...IT'S BEEN PROGRAMMED...!

THE **DRUG**! GAVE HIM MUST BE **WEARING OFF** TOO SOON!
HE SHOULD HAVE **DIED** IN THAT **ELECTRIC MAZE**!

NOW I MUST BEGIN **ANOTHER** PHASE OF MY PLAN!

SCORPIO OVERLOOKS **NOTHING**! NOW, IT'S UP TO ME, I MUST EXECUTE **FURY PERSONALLY**!

HE USED THE **LASER TO LURE** ME OUT HERE... BUT HE **FORGOT** ONE THING!

THE FIELD OF BATTLE IS **MINE**!

WITH ALL OF SHIELD STANDING BY, HE **CANNOT SURVIVE**! WHAT IRONY... A **DOZEN GUNS** READY TO KILL HIM SHOULD **MINI** FAIL! **BEAUTIFUL**!

YES, NOW I **REMEMBER**! THE **HOROSCOPE** PREDICTED THE **FATAL SHOT** WOULD BE FIRED BY **SOMEONE ELSE**!

I SAW HIM A MOMENT AGO... BUT **WHERE IS HE**?

MEANWHILE, OUTSIDE...

NOW...WE NEVER HEARD OF YA, PICKMAN! NOBODY LEFT WORD...**NOBODY**!

WHAT'RE YOU DOIN' AROUND HERE ANYWAY, BUDDY?

NO...I CAN'T TELL THEM, IT'S TOO FANTASTIC... THEY'D **NEVER** BELIEVE ME!

WAAAAAGH! FORGIVE ME, GENTLEMEN! I MUST BE **MISTAKEN**!

PARDON THE **INTRUSION**!

G'WAN... BEAT IT, OL' TIMER!

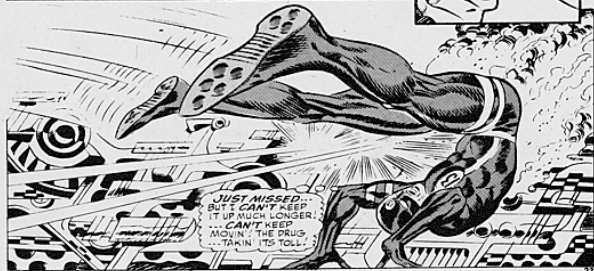
YEAH! CHECK THE NEXT BLOCK, POP!

HMM... I MUST DO **SOMETHING**! AHHHH! OF COURSE! **NO ONE** KNOWS THIS AREA BETTER THAN I DO!

THESE OLD BUILDINGS HAVE **MANY** WAYS TO GET INSIDE! BUT, I TRUST **NICHOLAS** IS ALL RIGHT!



AND NADE FURY
THROWS A STAGGER-
ING PUNCH THAT
HURLS BOTH
FIGURES TO THE
FLOOR BELOW
THE CATWALK...



AND, IN THE SPECTATOR OBSERVATION *BOOTHS* ABOVE THE TWO FIGHTING PROTAGONISTS... ANOTHER COURSE OF ACTION IS ABOUT TO OCCUR... AS VAL *DRAWNS A WEAPON* AND AIMS *UNERRINGLY* AT HER TARGET...



LIGNING! TOOK EVERYTHING I HAD TO... MAKE THIS JUMP! IF I CAN GET BEHIND HIM... MY ONLY CHANCE!





THE SHOT... HIT THE WRONG ONE!
... WHERE THE DEVIL DID THAT OLD
MAN COME FROM?

WAIT!!
COULD
IT BE...
NO, CAN'T
FIND OUT
NOW!

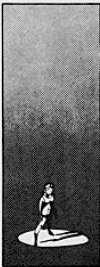
THERE'S TOO
MANY... MUST
GET AWAY
WHILE THERE'S
STILL TIME!



SECURITY... ON
THE DOUBLE...
GET **MOVIN'!!**

NOW WHAT
THE...

FURY'S
RUNNIN'
AWAY!
C'MON,
LET'S
GO!



THE FAT MAN...
HE'S NOT
MOVING! IT'S
TOO LATE!

HE'S
DEAD!

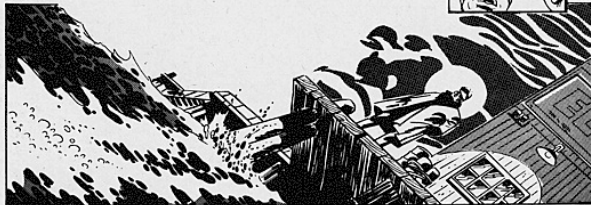
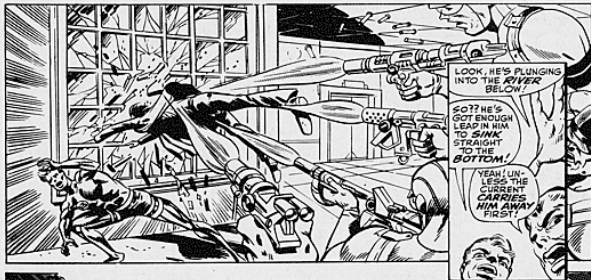


IT DON'T
MAKE SENSE...
THIS LMD GOIN'
WACKY, THEN...
HEY! IT'S STIRRIN'
AN... BLAZES...

UNDER THE HEADPIECE...
IT'S **FURY!** GET THE
MEDICS HERE...
MOVE!!

...FORGET...
...IT...
...GOTTA...
...GET...
...HIM...
...SCORPIO...

THEN, EVERY MUSCLE AND FIBER OF HIS BODY ACHING, THE INDESTRUCTIBLE AGENT OF SHIELD PURSUES THE FLEEING FIGURE!



BUT, NO BODY WAS EVER FOUND! INDEED, IT SEEMED THAT THE VERY TIDE ITSELF HAD CLEANSSED THE HARBOUR OF EVIL IN ITS OWN MYSTERIOUS WAY, SWALLOWING IT UP SO THAT *NO ONE MAY EVER KNOW* WHAT HAPPENED TO SCORPIO! YET, *ONE MAN* HAD TO KNOW AND WAITED, WATCHING THRU NIGHTS, LONELY EBON HOURS, UNTIL THE CRIMSON DAWN HELD THE EBBING BLACKNESS! WHAT *STRANGE SECRET* NOW LAY LOCKED IN HIS HEART... WHAT REVELATION HAD CAUSED THE TAUT, GRIM VISAGE HE NOW WORE LIKE A MASK? WAS THE SEARCH OVER OR HAD IT *ONLY BEGUN*? FURY ASKED HIMSELF THE QUESTION A *THOUSAND TIMES* OVER AGAIN... WOULD HE EVER KNOW?... *WHATEVER HAPPENED TO SCORPIO?*



Stan Lee presents

CAPTAIN
BRITAIN'S

FUN PAGE

by OWEN MCCARRON



CAPTAIN
BRITAIN
BATTLES

NOISE POLLUTION

ALL THE "WORDS" BELOW HAVE BEEN USED AS **SOUND EFFECTS** IN CAPTAIN BRITAIN STORIES. PUT THEM ALL TOGETHER AND YOU'VE GOT A BIG BAG OF NOISE! FIND THEM ALL... AND QUIETLY, PLEASE!

Find: KDAK, BROK, ZBAM, ZKOW, KZAM, SKOW, KBAT, BROW, KLIK, BLAM, WHOK, SNIK, THUD, PING, ZASK, BONG, BEEP, DTHOW, SKANG, ZARRG, BTHOW, THOOM, KZOW, SKBAM, BRRRR, ZASZ, SKDAM, THUMP, SHZAM, FETT, WHOO, THUNK, SPANK, ZZATT, SHANG, SHING, BLASH, SKBRAM, BRAM, BTHOOM, SKRRAK, SKAKOW, VOOSH, FOOSH, WHROOW, WHOOOM, ZZAPPP, THIZZT, FWOOSH, FHWOM, SPLASH, SHROOOM, ZZAATT, ZOT, WOK, SKREEEE, SSSSTTT, FHWUMMP, SPLOOSH, KERWHOOM, SPYANGGG. (Sh-h-h! - LARRY)

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KBFZZOTDTMZBLAAPSOARZKNAPERS
BAKAFTTTSAZOFKLLKDSPLSOTSSZD
RRZDFHWUMMPSTOTKADKTTAZZPZKHT
ABOFC SKREEDETTTSHZZPBZYZGHSSZ
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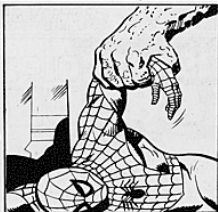
Who owns
these
INITIALS?
(MARVEL CHARACTERS,
OF COURSE!)

P.P. _____
C.M. _____
G.R. _____
I.G. _____
M.P. _____
S.R. _____
H.T. _____
C.A. _____
J.B. _____
R.J. _____
B.P. _____
C.B. _____
B.W. _____
I.F. _____
J.S. _____
D.H. _____
I.M. _____
N.F. _____
B.G. _____
M.M. _____

LAST WEEK'S ANSWERS:

1. DAREDEVIL
2. BRADDOCK
3. RED SKULL
4. BEN GRIMM
5. NICK FURY
6. MORBIUS
7. SPIDER-MAN
8. DR. STRANGE
9. BLASTAAR
10. UNICORN
11. WENDIGO
12. DRACULA
13. NAMORITA
14. AVENGERS
15. SHANG CHI
16. QUICKSILVER

**SPIDEY...
GET BACK ON
YOUR FEET**



**cos
NEXT
WEEK
YOU'RE GOING
BACK
UPRIGHT!**

*REMEMBER THE DAYS WHEN THE
WEBSLINGER'S WEEKLY MAG WASN'T
LONG, LIKE IT IS NOW, BUT TALL?
WELL, THOSE DAYS ARE RETURNING!*

**YUP, AS FROM NEXT WEEK
SUPER SPIDER-MAN
WILL RETURN TO THAT
UPRIGHT FORMAT.**



*THERE'LL STILL BE 36
PAGES OF ACTION
AND ADVENTURE,
SPIDEY-STYLE, BUT
THEY'LL BE TALL
INSTEAD OF
LONG.*



**SO GRAB A SHAPELY COPY OF *SUPER SPIDER-MAN* NEXT WEEK.
IT'S STILL ONLY 10p!**

GREY IS THE COLOUR OF THE GARGOYLE!

WELL, WELL, SPIDEY,
IT LOOKS LIKE TONIGHT
MAY NOT BE A TOTAL
WASTE AFTER ALL! I
WANTED SOME ACTION
AND IT WOULD APPEAR
I'VE FOUND IT!

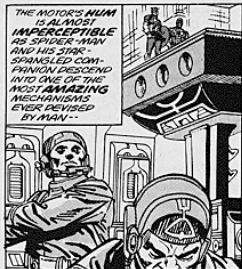
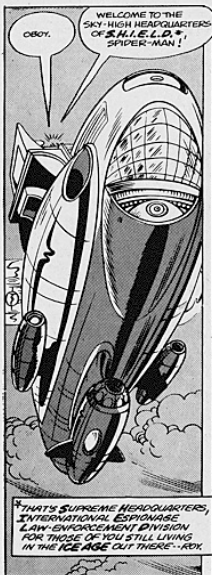
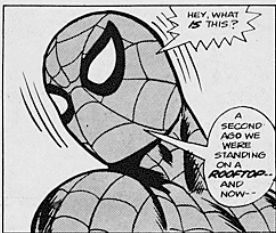
HMMM...AND FROM
THE LOOKS OF THAT
RED-WHITE-AND-BLUE
FRISBEE COMING AT
ME, I'VE ALSO FOUND--

CAPTAIN
AMERICA!

LEN WEIN--WRITER
GIL KANE } ARTISTS
FRANK GACIOIA }
JUNE BRAVERMAN--LETTERER
ROY THOMAS--EDITOR







BY THE AUTHORITY INVESTED IN ME BY SHIELD -- YOU ARE UNDER ARREST!



SURRENDER QUIETLY -- AND YOU WILL NOT BE HURT!

YOU KNOW, IT WARMS THE VERY COCKLES OF MY HEART TO KNOW YOU LAWMEN TAKE YOUR DUTIES SO SERIOUSLY --!



THWIP!
IN OTHER WORDS, CHUCKLES -- BUZZ OFF!
THWIP!



SPIDER-MAN -- WAIT!

FOR WHAT, SHIELD-SLINGER?

SO ANOTHER TRIGGER-HAPPY JOYBOY CAN PUT ME ON THE BULL'S-EYE?

NO CHANCE!

IF THESE HOTSHOTS REALLY WANT ME THAT MUCH --

-- THEY'RE GONNA HAVE TO TRY TO TAKE ME ON MY TURF!



IF YOU INSIST, OUTLAW -- THEN WE --

AL'RIGHT, YOU YAHOOOS -- THAT'S ENUFF FUN-'N'-GAMES!

YER S'POSED TABE SHIELD AGENTS -- NOT THE KEYSTONE KOPS!



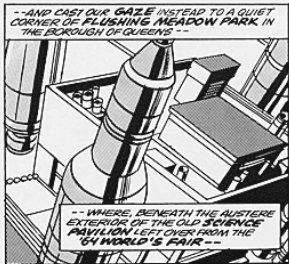
'N AS FER YOU, WALL-CRAWLER --



-- IT MAY NOT BE NO HASSLE TAKIN' OUT A RAW SHIELD ROOKIE --

-- BUT ANYTIME YA WANNA PLAY IN THE BIG-TIME, YOU JUST LET NICK FURY KNOW!





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